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TAGS: OVIP (IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL)

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF FONMIN'S VISIT.

1. SHORTLY AFTER DISPATCH OF CAGLAYANGIL'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY (EMBTel 1052), YEVUZALP TELEPHONED ME AGAIN. SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, HE ASKED ME TO REPORT THAT CAGLAYANGIL HAD PROPOSED POSTPONMENT OF THE FEBRUARY VISIT ONLY REPEAT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE JUSTIFIABLY PREOCCUPIED WITH MRS. KISSINGER'S HEALTH DURING THAT PERIOD. YEVUZALP CONVEYED FOMIN'S ASSURANCE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REPEAT NO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHATSOEVER IN HIS DECISION.

2. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO ASKED THAT THE SENTENCE TOWARD THE END OF HIS MESSAGE STATING THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN MARCH 20 AND MARCH 28 BE DELETED. FOMIN BELIEVES ITS RETENTION IN THE MESSAGE MIGHT CONVEY THE WRONG IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD MOTIVES OTHER THAN HIS CONCERN OVER MRS. KISSINGER'S HEALTH. AS A MATTER OF FACT, CONCLUDED YEVUZALP, FOMIN WOULD BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN THESE TWO MARCH DATES BUT HE DID NOT WANT TO SAY SO IN THIS MESSAGE.
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